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Title : **METHODS OF GENERATING AND SCREENING FOR PROTEASES  
WITH ALTERED SPECIFICITY**

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**Mail Stop Amendment**

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**ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

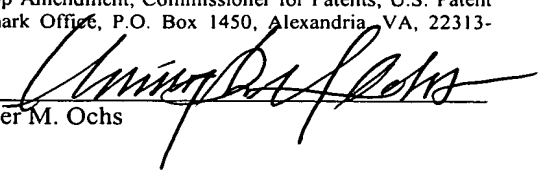
Responsive to the Office Action, mailed September 01, 2009, Applicant elects, with traverse, the species of tetrapeptide substrate sequence P4-P1 that is Phe-Ser-Phe-Asp (FSFD) and the species of disease that is an apoptosis-mediated disorder. If necessary for purposes of the election, the apoptosis-mediated disorder is an ischemic injury. All claims read on the elected species.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is provided under separate cover.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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